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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 12, 2007, Applicants submit the following response. A declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 accompanies the response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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